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In re Application

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HARD MASK FOR CRITICAL
DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 1765

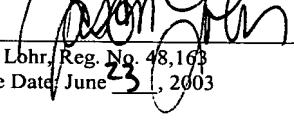
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This RESPONSE is in reply to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action up to and including June 23, 2003, and the prescribed fee are enclosed herewith.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: